



Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook October 23 - 29, 2014

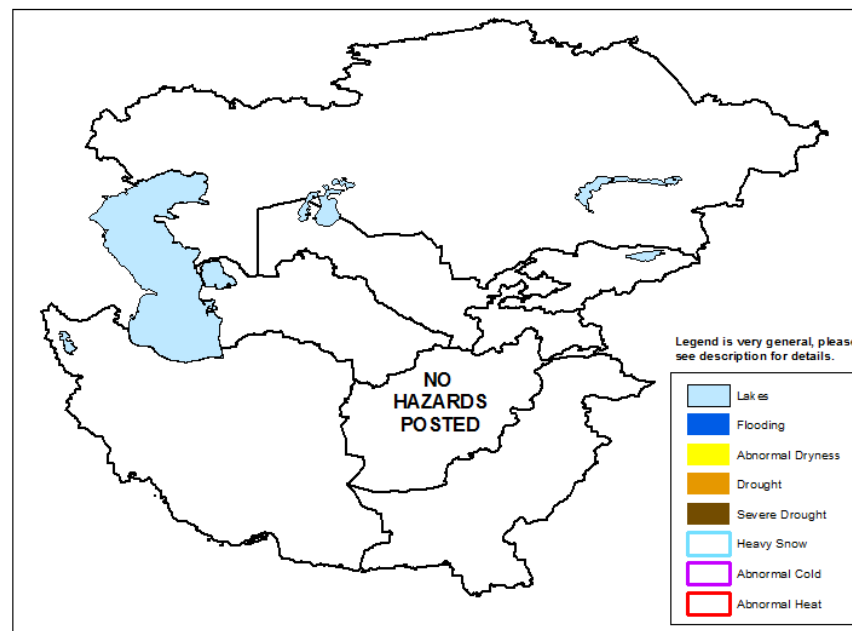
Temperatures:

Temperatures average 1 to 7 degrees C above-normal across most of the region from October 12-18 except for extreme northern Kazakhstan where below-normal temperatures were observed. Minimum temperatures fell below -5 degrees C during the past week across northern Kazakhstan. During the next week, minimum temperatures could fall to -10 degrees C across northern Kazakhstan with freezing temperatures spreading as far south as Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

Precipitation

Widespread precipitation (10 – 28 mm) fell across the northern third of Kazakhstan from October 12-18, while locally heavy rain (more than 50 mm) was observed along the border of Afghanistan and Pakistan. Snowfall analysis indicates that snow depths are increasing across the higher elevations of northeast Afghanistan and Tajikistan.

During the next week, the GFS model indicates moderate to heavy rain (25 to 75 mm) across eastern Kazakhstan. Snow with locally heavy amounts is likely across northeast Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.